also should be included among the Tamilians. The chief distinguishing elements of a community were the law governing it and their manners and customs. In these respects, the Nanjinad Vellalas stood aloof from the rest of the Vellalas and the Tamilians in general. This community should therefore be treated as a separate community for purposes of appointment in the public service and it should be adequately represented therein.

DEWAN'S REPLY: Mr. Azhakiannayakam Pillai, Government do not recognise any Tamilian community. Vellalas are shown as a separate community altogether. Whether the Nanjinad Vellalas should be another separate community is a matter which may be considered. It is up to the members of your community to qualify themselves; and then, they will find when recruitment is placed on a proper basis, that they have no grievances.

165. Hindu Nadars and public service.

MR. A. RAMASWAMI NADAR (*Nominated*) said that the Hindu Nadar community was one of the major communities in the State but that it was not adequately represented in the public service. This was due to the step-motherly treatment accorded to it by the Government in this respect. The officers having powers of appointment were often actuated by communal considerations. Appointments in the public service should be common to all communities and so long as communal distinctions existed, each community should be given appointments according to its numerical strength. The Hindu Nadars were not holding even one per cent. of the total number of appointments in the State. During the regime of Dewan Mr. V. S. Subrahmanya Aiyar, a Public Service Committee was constituted to solve the problem of recruitment to Government service but the Committee had not yet begun its work. This should be begun without delay. The committee should be allowed to submit its reports only after a full enquiry and after taking expert evidence from members of every community in different parts of the State. In Mysore and Madras, public service commissions were in existence and a similar commission should be constituted in Travancore also and it should be a mixed body of officials and non-officials

A circular should be issued to heads of all departments directing them to give better encouragement to Hindu Nadars in their departments.

Lastly, the member said that one more member of his community should be nominated to the Assembly and one member to the Legislative Council.

DEWAN'S REPLY: Mr. Nadar, it is intended that the Recruitment Committee should start work as soon as possible, and also finish its work as soon as possible.

The Assembly adjourned for lunch at 2-3 P. M. and re-assembled at 3-7 P. M.

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